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Mr. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether the Government will give us an assurance that the minimum of 75 students will be reduced to, say, about 20 or so? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot give such an assurance now, Sir. I have already stated that the matter will be considered in the light of the difficulties experienced."

Sri P. THIMMA REDDI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that copying is going on, in almost all the centres? " (Laughter.)

Sri P. THIMMA REDDI :—" At present the students of the Anantapur Engineering College are being sent to the Guindy Engineering College for their practical examination when there is a laboratory and equipment available in the Ceded Districts College. Will the Government stop this muddle at least hereafter? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Sri T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" The hon. Minister just now said that the Papers were refusing to publish the results and the results are indicated in the books which are sent to the students. As the books reach the students very late and as the students therefore find it very difficult to apply for seats in Colleges, may I know whether the Government will publish the results in the Papers even if they have to pay for such publication? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Though it is a separate question altogether, I may inform the hon. Member that it will be considered."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" In view of the fact that there are many cases of malpractice at the time of examination because of clubbing a large number of students together like this, will the Government consider and see that the number of students appearing for the examinations in a particular centre is reduced? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The number of students appearing in a particular centre has nothing to do with copying."

Expenditure on the recent general elections.

* 128 Q.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the State in holding the recent general elections?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The total expenditure involved in connexion with the conduct of the recent general elections to both the Union Parliament and the State Legislature is approximately Rs. 87 lakhs.

" The Government of India will bear half of the total expenditure incurred by this Government on the preparation and printing of electoral rolls for the Assembly and Parliamentary

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Constituencies and the conduct of elections to both the Union House of the People and the Madras Legislative Assembly when those elections are held simultaneously."

11-30 a.m. AN HON. MEMBER:—" Are the Government aware that so many of the Congress M.L.As. spent more money during the election than was authorized by the Government?"

MR. SPEAKER:—" It does not arise out of the main question."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR:—" May I know, Sir, the amount spent for making ballot boxes and the reasons for supplying steel boxes to some places and wooden boxes to some other places in the South Arcot district?"

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Within the limited time available, only a limited number of steel boxes could be obtained. As a matter of fact we obtained as many as 3,07,000 Allwyn steel boxes and we loaned from the Hyderabad Government about 22,000 steel ballot boxes. But still we required more ballot boxes and, therefore, about 80,000 wooden ballot boxes were used in all the districts."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1952–53—*cont.*

DEMAND XV—EDUCATION.

* THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move—

'*That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs.* 11,95,02,100 *under Demand XV—Education.*'

In presenting this Demand to this Honourable House, I beg leave to briefly refer to the background of this Demand, especially from the financial point of view.

" Sir, the expenditure on Education in what are called the Part A States in the Indian Union has recorded an increase of more than one hundred per cent during the last five years. Our State stands among the foremost in India and in our own State, the expenditure on Education has increased, since 1946, from about 460 lakhs of rupees to the present level of nearly twelve crores of rupees. In 1938–39 the expenditure was 262 lakhs. This increase in expenditure has been generally progressive and continuous in the last decade. We have now come to a stage when we find it extremely difficult to maintain our present scale of expenditure on Education. In spite of limitations imposed, the current Demand on Education records an increase of more than one crore of rupees over the Revised Estimate for 1951–52. Of this increased educational demand, as already stated in the speech